

TRI-COUNTY REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
FULL COMMISSION

Minutes of the Meeting

January 26, 2006

The organizational meeting and dinner was held on January 26, 2006 at the Hotel Carlisle, in Carlisle, PA. The business meeting was preceded by a social period.

ROLL CALL

Commission members present were Chairman Turner, Vice-Chairman Lenker, Treasurer Williams, Secretary Shaffer, Ms. Best, Ms. Brunner, Mr. Bullock, Mr. Clark, Mr. Dininni, Mr. Edwards, Cumberland County Commissioner Eichelberger, Mr. Holcombe, Mr. Kerschner, Mr. Kling, Mr. Lush, Mr. Memmi, and Mr. Rhoades.

Guests in attendance were: Perry County Commissioner & Mrs. Amsler, Cumberland County Commissioner Barclay, Mrs. Bullock, Mr. Byrne, Mr. D'Altilio, Ms. David, Mr. & Mrs. Dillner, Mr. Gassert, Mr. Glessner, Mr. Graupensperger, Mr. Grove, Mr. Gulotta, Mr. Johnson, Representative & Mrs. Mark Keller, Mr. Maley, Mr. McCorkel, Mr. B. Miller, Mr. S. Miller, Mr. Milne, Mr. Mohler, Mr. Mowery, Mr. Pettigres, Mr. Pigott, Ms. Rineer, Mrs. Ruble, Mr. Sealover, Mrs. Shaffer, Ms. Shannon, Mr. Shenk, Mrs. Stewart, Mr. Stoner, Ms. Thompson, Mrs. Turner, Perry County Commissioner VanBuskirk, Ms. Williams, Ms. Wood and Mr. & Mrs. Zeiters.

Members of the Commission staff present were Mr. Szymborski, Mr. Reardon, Mr. Finnerty, Mr. Kelly, Ms. Park, Ms. Myers-Krug, Mr. Syed, Mr. Millard, Mr. Sundara, Ms. Straub, Mr. Dickson, Ms. Carter, Mr. Hubley, Mr. Jones, and Ms. Clay.

CHAIRMAN'S REMARKS

Chairman Turner welcomed everyone to the annual dinner. He congratulated the staff on their many accomplishments during 2005 mentioning several of the tasks performed. Mr. Turner noted a new sense of regionalism. Mr. Turner commended the Commission on its cooperation with local governments and noted the success of the local planning program is dependent on the involvement of local governments.

RECOGNITIONS

Mr. Turner, on behalf of the Commission, recognized Vice-Chairman Lenker, Treasurer Williams, and Secretary Shaffer for their tenure of service and presented them with a small token of appreciation.

Perry County Commissioner John Amsler then presented a plaque to Mr. Turner for the leadership and support he has given the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission over his two-year term as Chairman.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Szymborski briefed the members on the Commission's structure and policy of biennial rotation of officer positions among the respective Counties. On a motion by Mr. Dininni, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, the following slate of officers was elected for the 2006 year:

Chairman:	Gary Lenker, Dauphin County Planning Commission
Vice Chairman:	William Forrey, Cumberland County Planning Commission
Secretary:	Paul Clark, Dauphin County Planning Commission
Treasurer:	James Turner, Perry County Planning Commission

## CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT

Newly elected Chairman Lenker noted this was the fortieth year of service by the Tri-County Regional Planning Commission. The Commission has been involved in many initiatives over the years and he appreciates the opportunity to serve as Chairman. He thanked the Dauphin County Commissioners for their support and reappointment to the Dauphin County Planning Commission thus giving him this opportunity.

Mr. Lenker noted his background as a second generation home builder in the region. His company Donco, was started by his father in 1964 and he joined its ranks in 1976. He was proud to be a home builder and proud of the Home Builders Association and its service to the region. He recognized several of his colleagues in attendance at the meeting.

Mr. Lenker looks forward to his industry working with the Commission to provide balanced support and continue the implementation of the Regional Growth management Plan. He recognized Mr. Szymborski and thanked him for understanding the issues associated with the homebuilders.

During 2006, Mr. Lenker felt the Commission's Strategic Plan would continue to progress towards full implementation. He thanked Mr. Turner for his leadership over the past two years and looked forward to serving the Commission and working with its members and staff.

## MINUTES

The minutes of the October 27, 2005 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Edwards, seconded by Ms. Best.

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT

The actions of the Executive Committee on the Financial Statements for October and November 2005 were ratified on a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Clark.

The Financial Statement for December 2005 was received for filing and audit on a motion by Mr. Shaffer, seconded by Mr. Clark. Copies of the Financial Statements are attached to the file copy of these minutes.

The actions of the Executive Committee on the expenses for October and November, 2005, were ratified on a motion by Mr. Dininni, seconded by Mr. Shaffer.

The payment of December 2005 expenses was approved on a motion by Mr. Kerschner, seconded by Mr. Turner.

### PLANNING PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT

Mr. Szymborski began his report by indicating the Commission was in its 40<sup>th</sup> year of service to the Region. Beginning in 1964 as the Cumberland-Dauphin Planning Commission the Commission advanced to its current three county arrangement in 1966. Throughout the years the Commission has had many office locations, all within the environs of the City of Harrisburg as dictated by its Articles of Agreement. Mr. Szymborski then recognized several past members of the Commission staff and their years of service with the Commission. Mrs. Louise Stewart (29 years), Mr. Ed Shenk (27 years), Mr. Jim Zeiters (29 years, including 16 years as Executive Director) and Mr. Eugene Roden, who unfortunately could not be in attendance (20 years). Mr. Szymborski appreciated the groundwork these employees gave the Commission during their combined 105 years of service.

Mr. Szymborski then introduced current staff member, George Hubley and presented him a gift in recognition of his 40 years of service with the Commission. He indicated George's loyalty to the Commission and his place as honorary historian as features well known to the staff and membership. The entire Tri-County community thanks George for his service.

Mr. Szymborski indicated the Region has undergone many changes over the past 40 years including significant population increases in all three counties, with Cumberland County heading this change with an increase of almost 89,000 people. As the Commission embarks on the next year of service, it is entering a phase of which education and local municipal assistance will play a big part. The new Strategic Plan will give the Commission the direction to perform some of the necessary tasks to keep the region strong and growing in the right direction. On a motion by Mr. Clark, seconded by Mr. Dininni, the Commission adopted the proposed Strategic Plan, with consideration to staff comments, as a tool for future growth and guidance.

Mr. Szymborski then introduced the staff and thanked them for their efforts over the past year, including more than 40 regional or statewide activities they support.

### 2006 BUDGET

Mr. Szymborski explained the proposed 2006 Commission budget, as endorsed by the Executive Committee. The budget has passed the public review process in each county as presented. On a motion by Mr. Turner, seconded by Mr. Kerschner, the 2006 budget was approved.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, on a motion by Mr. Shaffer, seconded by Mr. Clark, the meeting was adjourned 8:40 p.m.

The next meeting of the Full Commission is scheduled for April 27, 2006 at 3:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Paul D. Clark*

Paul D. Clark  
Secretary